

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

September 18, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

Over 37 million people in the U.S. have been diagnosed with diabetes. For these patients, insulin is as essential as the air we breathe. Yet, today, one in six Americans with diabetes ration their insulin because they cannot afford it. We urge you to hold a vote on the *Affordable Insulin Now Act*—legislation to cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$35 a month for all patients, regardless of insurer—because we cannot continue to put the lives of diabetic patients at risk.

Last Congress, the U.S. House of Representatives demonstrated its commitment to lowering costs for Americans struggling to afford insulin by passing the *Affordable Insulin Now Act* with support from Republicans and Democrats. While the *Affordable Insulin Now Act* would have expanded access to affordable insulin to everyone, no matter their health insurer, Republicans in the Senate limited it to only those on Medicare during the passage of the *Inflation Reduction Act*. It's time to finish the job and cap out-of-pocket costs for the millions of diabetic patients reliant on private insurance by bringing the *Affordable Insulin Now Act* up for a vote.

Since insulin was invented over 100 years ago, manufacturers have increased its price by more than 1,000%, making it unaffordable for millions of Americans. Last year, insulin manufacturers raked in a combined \$21 billion in profits at the expense of patients. Failing to bring the *Affordable Insulin Now Act* up for a vote is a choice to put big pharmaceutical companies ahead of the patients who rely on this life-saving medication to survive.

The American people recognize this as unacceptable. Almost 90 percent of voters support legislation to limit patients' out-of-pocket insulin costs, and 22 states have acted independently to cap insulin copays. We can no longer ignore the people's will—the time is now to consider legislation to assist the millions of Americans with diabetes crushed by monthly insulin costs.

We thank you for your attention to this critical issue. In the richest country in the world, no patient should have to choose between taking their medication as prescribed and putting a roof over their head.

Sincerely,



Daniel T. Kildee
Member of Congress



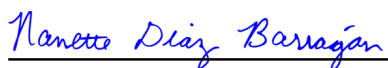
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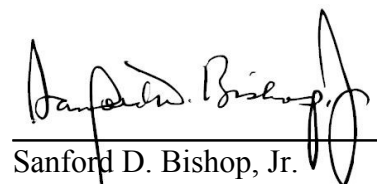
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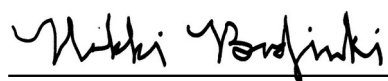
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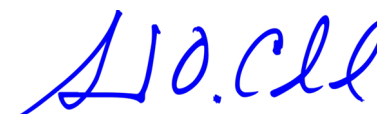
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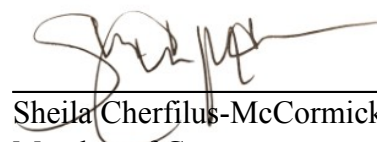
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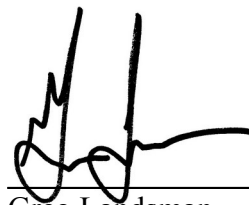
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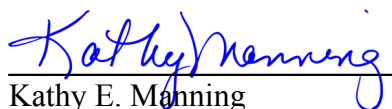
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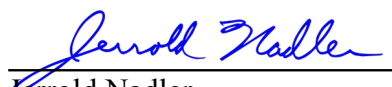
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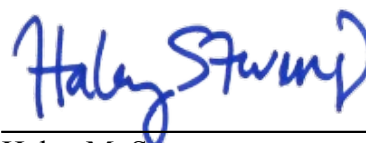
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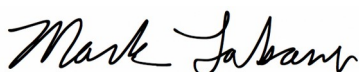
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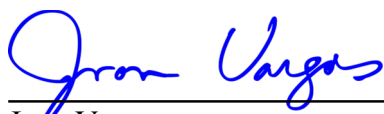
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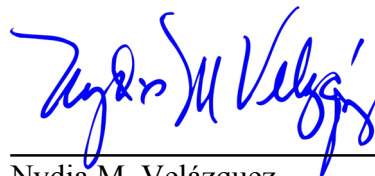
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